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In re application of	:	DECISION ON REQUEST TO
James Martin	:	PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
Application No. 10/530,695	:	PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
Filed: April 8, 2005	:	PROGRAM AND PETITION
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
POSITIONING OF SEISMIC CABLES	:	37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed November 28, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **GRANTED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the UKIPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the UKIPO application(s);
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the UKIPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of the latest Office action from each of the UKIPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s);
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the UKIPO examiner in the UKIPO Office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and
- (7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

In light of the preliminary amendment filed November 28, 2007 with the petition, the request to participate in the PPH pilot program complies with the above requirements. Therefore, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Steven N. Meyers, Quality Assurance Specialist, at (571) 272-6611.



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